

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Michael E. Anderson of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened by the passing of Michael E. Anderson, a loving family man of strong faith and a pure heart who touched many lives through his unselfish nature and his willingness to always help those in need; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Mr. Anderson excelled in music as a student at White Station High School and the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, he later became a dynamic disc jockey in both Dallas and Memphis, using the name "Redbone"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson's keen business mind, sharp sense of humor, and uncanny ability to communicate assured his success in many different arenas; he sold real estate, was a stocks, bonds, and commodities broker in New York and Memphis, and was sales and general manager at WLOK radio, before starting two companies of his own: American Home Remodelers and AMS Productions; and

WHEREAS, his love for entertainment began at an early age when, as a boy, he used to sneak into his father's blues cafe to watch B.B. King and other legends perform live; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson loved being involved in producing entertainment, and he became one of the most liked and respected figures in the Memphis music scene; and

WHEREAS, he used his talents and connections to secure sponsorships for many concerts and festivals, and he brought some of the biggest names in rock, country, soul, blues, and gospel music to Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson was involved in the production of more than 140 shows, but he was most proud of his work with Memphis in May, Snowden Grove Amphitheater, the Stone

Soul Picnic, and especially the Civil Rights Museum and MLK Peace and Freedom Weekend;  
and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2017, as we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy,  
Michael E. Anderson will be posthumously honored at the Freedom & Funk Celebration; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should likewise honor  
the memory of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED  
TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING, that we celebrate the life and honor the memory of Michael E. Anderson, fondly  
recalling his work with the Civil Rights Museum and the MLK Peace and Freedom Weekend in  
Memphis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.